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SUBJECT: SAO TOME: LETTER FROM MENEZES CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT OBAMA
ON NOBEL PRIZE

¶1. On November 12 the Embassy received a letter dated October 10 from Sao Tome and Principe President Fradique Menezes for President Obama conveying congratulations for the award of the Nobel Peace Prize.

¶2. The translated letter reads as follows:

Dear Mr. President,

It is with great pleasure that I learned about the election of Your Excellency for the reputed Nobel Peace Prize.

Your appointment by the Nobel Academy in Stockholm as the Peace Prize winner is for me and the people of Sao Tome and Principe a reason to be proud and joyous. It also represents your unmistakable performance to construct and consolidate peace and progress in the world even though you are still at the beginning of your presidential mandate.

For this reason, I beg You to accept, Mr. President, in my name and in the name of the people of Sao Tome and Principe, my warmest regards and great success for your time in the office as President of the American people and now for this noble appointment as Peace Prize Nobel winner.

Again please accept, Your Excellency, my warmest congratulations and, Mr. President, the assurance of my highest consideration and personal attention.

FRADIQUE DE MENEZES

¶3. The original letter in Portuguese will be pouched to AF/C.